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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MFA MILITARY DELEGATION ARRIVES;

JUNTA GOVERNMENT AWAITEB

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 609

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1. THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF MFA ARRIVED IN LOURENCO MARQUES

JULY 25: LT. COL. NUMO LOPES PIRES, MAJ. FERNANDO SEABRA,

AND CAPT. VICTOR CRESPO. IN INTERVIEWS CARRIED BY LOCAL

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PRESS, THEY QUOTED AS SAYING FOLLOWING:

A. PRIMARY GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVE IS ESTABLISHMENT OF CEASE-FIRE IN MOZAMBIQUE. ALL OTHER ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING EVENTUAL FORMATION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH FRELIMO REPRESENTATION, DEPEND ON CEASE-FIRE. HAD NO COMMENT, HOWEVER, ON PROSPECTS FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE.

B. CURRENT MEMBERS OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MAY OR MAY NOT REMAIN IN GOVERNMENT UNDER JUNTA.

C. JUNTA WILL REMAIN IN POWER AS SHORT A TIME AS POSSIBLE.

D. ARMED FORCES WILL NOT ACCEPT SOCIAL CONFUSION AND WILL MAINTAIN ORDER.

E. MOZAMBIQUE POPULATION SHOULD BE CALM (MENTIONED TWICE).

F. THERE WILL BE NO REPETITION OF CONGO (A REAL FEAR AMONG WHITES HERE) IN MOZAMBIQUE.

G. NEW STATUTE GRANTING GREAT AUTONOMY TO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA AND LAW REGULATING STRIKES WILL BE PROMULGATED SOON.

2. JUNTA WILL REPORTEDLY HAVE THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING CIVILIANS, AND WILL ASSUME POWERS OF GOVERNOR GENERAL WITH PROVISIONAL SECRETARIES UNDER IT. (ONE WELL-CONNECTED SOURCE BELIEVES MOST OF LATTER WILL BE REAPPOINTED.) SPECULATION ON WHO WILL BE PRESIDENT OF JUNTA INCLUDES MFA BRIGADIERS GALVAO DE MELO AND OTELO DE CARVALHO, AND GENERAL DIOGO NETO, FORMER AIR FORCE COMMANDER HERE.

3. RE CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS, BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL HAS INFORMATION THAT FRELIMO DEFINITELY HAS ACCEPTED PARTICIPATION IN EVENTUAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING CEASE-FIRE. HE SPECULATED KAUNDA MAY HAVE PERSUADED NSERERE TO PUT PRESSURE ON FRELIMO TO ACCEPT THIS BASIS. ALSO STATES CABLE FROM UKUN NEW YORK INDICATES CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO TAKING PLACE IN ANSTERDAM.

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RM REACTION IN LOURENCO MARQUES TO SUDEN RESIGNATION OF GO-

VERNOR GENERAL SOARZS DE MELO AND THIS CABINET HAS BEEN ONE OF SURPRISE AND BEWILDERMENT, DESPITE FACT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WAS SHOWING ITSELF INCREASINGLY INCAPABLE OF TAKING MEASURES TO SOLVE MOZAMBIQUE'S CURRENT PROBLEMS.

5. COMMENT: MFA MILITARY DELEGATION'S SUDDEN ARRIVAL AND

ALMOST ARROGANT ASSERTION OF AUTHORITY IN THEIR STATEMENTS
WILL STRIKE MANY MOZAMBICANS AS ANOTHER INDICATION LISBON
RUNNING SHOW HERE AND INTENDS TO PUT MFA FIRMLY IN CONTROL
OF MOZAMBICAN JUNTA WHICH WILL THEN HAVE MORE "AUTONOMY",
DELEGATION'S EMPHASIS ON CALMING FEARS OF PUBLIC HERE
PROBABLY REFLECTS SHOCK OF LUANDA EVENTS ON LISBON.

6. FOR LISBON: REQUEST ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU HAVE
ON MFA DELS.
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